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Young Superheroes

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From left, Bertie Public School students Hanna Morningstar, Emma Beifuss, Jayden Cline, Lauren Spada, Tionna Cudmore and Julia Bonaldo (absent) are known as the Super Six. The friends have joined together to raise funds for the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue, the Fort Erie SPCA and the Niagara Falls Humane Society. See page 4 to read more.

Help choose a name for Fort Erie's future high school

Deadline to submit a name is Oct. 15

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The District School Board of Niagara is giving the community a chance to help name its newest high school.

In September, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced it will invest $20.6 million in a new high school in Fort Erie that will accommodate 750 students.

The school is expected to open in September 2017, and the DSBN is asking for the public's help to name the school said Fort Erie Secondary School principal Fred Louws.

The decision to build a new high school in Fort Erie was the result of an accommodation review conducted by the District School Board of Niagara's Accommodation Review Committee. The committee recommended the closure of Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway- Crystal Beach High School in favour of uniting all of the municipality's students into one facility.

Louws said name submissions must be submitted online by Oct. 15 on the DSBN's web site.

Although no location has been chosen for the proposed school, Louws said school board staff want to help bring students, parents and staff together.

"We want to come up with a name so we can start identifying with name of new school."

"We would like to pick the school mascot, colours, and even plan some events."

A committee will narrow down name choices and students at the DSBN's feeder schools in Fort Erie will be charged with helping to pick the new name.

For more information including criteria for submitting a name for Fort Erie's newest high school visit online at www.nameyourschool.dsbn.org.

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Candidates debate taxes, EDTC

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Taxes, unity, waterfront development and the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation were some of the issues that arose during the all candidates night at Stevensville Memorial Hall.

The debate, which saw candidates in Wards 4,5 and 6 square off last Thursday night, was the first of three all candidates nights hosted by the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce.

Ward 4 candidate Marina Butler said the town has lost a lot of business and council needs to "find a way to encourage companies to come to town" to lower taxes for residents.

"We need to bring well meaning employment that pays higher wages to our citizens."

Ward 4 incumbent John Hill said the town's current council "has brought forward one of the lowest municipal tax increases in eight years" this year.

To get taxes in order, Ward 5 candidate Steve Boyd thinks councillors "need to look in the books and go from there," while fellow Ward 5 candidate Kim Carey believes town staff and council "need to stop wasting money on lawsuits that could have been prevented."

Ward 5 incumbent Don Lubberts said taxes are an important election issue for voters and the current council has worked hard to provide one of the lowest tax increases the town has seen "in the last eight years."

Fellow Ward 5 candidate John Wilkie said council needs to "stop all the nonsense and work together."

Ward 6 incumbent Paul Collard said getting taxes under control is "a complicated answer."

"At each budget time, we went through the budget line by line to find cost savings. In 2013, we had a $1.3 million surplus."

Ward 6 candidate George Jardine said the slots revenues were an essential part of Fort Erie's revenue and they need to return to the community.

Ward 6 candidates Chris Knutt and Thea Lockwood agreed the town needs to develop partnerships and work with developers to encourage development to help the tax base grow.

"We need to come together with the region" Knutt said about the importance of forming a partnership with the region.

"We need economic and urban development, and to work with developers," Lockwood said. "We shouldn't close the door and kick them (developers) in the butt on their way out."

The candidates agreed a division exists between residents living in Greater Fort Erie.

Butler said communication between the town and residents "has been a sore spot" in the community and technology needs to be utilized to close a widening gap.

Hill said communication is essential to unifying the community and everyone—from residents, councillors and even the media—needs to step into a leadership role to become more involved.

Boyd, Carey, Collard, Knutt, Lockwood, and Wilkie agreed the next council needs to work together and leave personal agendas behind when debating on town issues.

Lubberts said "old time politics doesn't work anymore." By utilizing social media, Lubberts believes voters can become more informed.

Hill said he wouldn't support another condominium project like the 12-storey condominium that was proposed for Bay Beach and scrapped last December. Lubberts said he also didn't support another Bay Beach project but he believes Fort Erie "still needs a waterfront plan."

Boyd, Carey and Wilkie agreed a plan for waterfront development was vital to the growth for the community.

"I want to see something happen and I want to see it happen now," Boyd added.

All of the candidates except for Jardine agreed that municipal funds should be used to support the Fort Erie Race Track, and a business plan is essential in the sustainability of the track.

"There is a place in Fort Erie for the racetrack," Jardine said. "But the municipality shouldn't sink money into the racetrack. We need the slots, which were the lifeblood of this community."

When asked about his opinion on the EDTC, Hill, who is a council representative on the organization's board, said the public should be asked its view on the EDTC.

He added that confidentiality agreements keep him from briefing council about the EDTC's business.

Butler, Boyd and Knutt said they supported the EDTC and agreed the organization is fostering economic growth in Fort Erie.

"Without the EDTC, we wouldn't have half the businesses here that we have presently," Butler said.

Boyd said the EDTC is "doing a great job."

"We need to stop wasting the EDTC's time by fighting against every single thing they try to do for this town," Carey said.

Lockwood said the EDTC has many projects underway and "it should be the right of a councillor to ask questions."

Jardine said the EDTC needs new people working in the organization, while Lubberts said "changes need to be made to the EDTC to improve economic development.

Wilkie said the organization needs to do more to raise awareness for the types of businesses in the community.

Ward 6 candidate Tamara Pierce was absent from the debate.

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce hosted a second debate for Ward 1,2 and 3 but the story was not available prior to press time. Visit www.forterietimes.ca for more information.

The final debate, which includes mayoral and regional candidates, will be held the Leisureplex on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

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Candidates in Ward 4, 5, and 6 had their chance to square off last Wednesday at Stevensville Memorial Hall.

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Ridgeway hosts Fall Festival

Annual event to be held this weekend

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway's business owners have set to work preparing entries for the street scarecrow competition to scare up some fun at the Ridgeway Fall Festival.

Festival-goers will judge the best scarecrow as they walk down Ridge Rd. during the festival which will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Everyone who votes for their favourite scarecrow will receive a free ballot for a draw.

The festival marks the end of Ridgeway's Farmers' Market season near the Village Square. Vendors will be on site from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the municipal parking lot next to the Friendship Trail.

The festival will offer plenty of activities for children including free pumpkin bowling, rides on the Ridgeway Express kiddy train, horse drawn wagon rides, and an apple toss. The first 150 children to participate in the festival activities will receive a free pumpkin to decorate and take home.

Culinary students from Fort Erie Secondary Schools students will present food preparation.

A donation for the train ride to the Ridgeway BIA beautification committee and a non-perishable food item to the local food banks for the wagon ride will accepted.

Music lovers are invited to bring a chair or dance in the Village Square from noon to 2 p.m. with Chadley Chase and The Catch. Children can also catch a magic show at 12:50 at the Square.

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We ask that readers submit a photo with name and the service they were a member of. Please drop off or email information to: **The Fort erie Times, 336 Central Ave., Fort Erie. Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm.** Email your photo's to: myra.robertson@sunmedia.ca. Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 31st, 2014.

Youths band together to help Fort Erie critters

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Instead of thinking about the latest gadgets, or the most popular clothes, these six girls think about how they can help others.

Emma Beifuss, Hanna Morningstar, Jayden Cline, Julia Bonaldo, Lauren Spada and Tionna Cudmore, known as the Super Six, have joined together to raise funds to help anyone in need.

The Grade 7 Bertie Public School students have set a hefty goal to raise $1,000 by hosting fundraisers during the school year.

The proceeds will benefit the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue in Ridgeway, the Fort Erie SPCA and the Niagara Falls Humane Society, Jayden Cline said.

By selling baskets filled with goodies during the school's open house, and organizing a pizza day for students, the girls have already reached their halfway mark.

"Our goal is $1,000 but we've decided that when we reach it, we won't stop there," Cline said.

"We will continue to raise money as long as we can, and when we run out of ideas we'll put out a suggestion box and ask other students to give us ideas for fundraisers," Spada added.

The Super Six have proved to themselves that they can accomplish their fundraising goals by working together.

"A lot of us didn't think we'd even get this far," Spada said. "But we did."

The Grade 7 students have even made their own business cards to show they are serious about their fundraising efforts.

Morningstar wants other youth to know that they can make a difference in their community too.

"We want to get them (other youth) inspired," Morningstar said. "Our group's motto is one anyone can believe in. You're never too young to make a difference."

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Region approves lakefront projects

Fort Erie will be included in a number of waterfront enhancement projects thanks to funding from the Niagara Region.

Fort Erie's regional representative, John Teal, said regional council approved committing to spending up to $1 million each year over the course of 10 years as part of its lakefront enhancement strategy.

Regional council approved $1.74 million on Oct. 2 for shoreline enhancement projects in Fort Erie, Grimsby, St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Fort Erie will receive $50,000 for a Bay Beach master plan, along with $25,000 to access "that deals with three unopened road allowances" which are a result of encroachments from neighouring properties.

Teal said Fort Erie was the first municipality to submit an application to receive funding, and both of its submitted projects were accepted.

The grant program is a cost share program and will be "split 50/50" between the region and a municipality, according to Teal.

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Do You Remember?

Although we have not yet learned the name of the young soldier in last week's photo, we have learned quite a bit from just his uniform.

Robert Cote remembers the distinctive beret and badge as worn by members of a UN peacekeeping mission; his father served in that capacity in the Congo in 1960.

Captain David Peabody, General Manager of the PPCLI Museum and Archives in Calgary recognized the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry shoulder titles.

He also told us that our soldier is wearing the 25th Canadian Army Infantry Brigade badge on his left brassard. Captain Peabody kindly offered to forward this photo through his military networks, so hopefully we will find out the soldier's name.

This week's photo was taken at Fleet Industries. Can you tell us anything about the man in the centre (and inset photo to the left). What project is he working on and when would this photo have been taken?

If your eyes and memory are particularly keen, perhaps you can identify some of the other Fleet employees in the photo? Please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

The Trews set to rock the Sanctuary stage Saturday

California singer Lily Kershaw also performs this month

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Nadine Pizzicarola

Hail in October?

Is that supposed to happen already?

Well, regardless of how you felt about the weather last weekend, Valery Gore definitely chased the gloom out of our hearts on Saturday. Thank you so much for that.

I think everybody wbo came out to show their support and love for this young lady had a great time. I'd say the album is absolutely worth checking out.

Be the first to check it out for your group of friends. Tbey will be thanking you. Trust me on this.

Anyways, as you might have heard: The Trews are returning to Ridgeway and The Sanctuary. And we are super excited about this.

Clearly, you must have felt the same, because tickets were already sold out before we could even make posters for this show.

We are happy for everyone who got tickets and we feel sad for those who are going to miss the show.

But not to worry. We have more awesome shows coming up. It might not be The Trews but still very talented acts. Keep yourself up to date by visiting our website www.thesanctuaryarts.org.

On Oct. 17, we are getting a visit from a very talented and beautiful young lady, who is making her way to Ridgeway all the way from Los Angeles.

Lily Kershaw might be only 22 years old but she is an old soul who feels like she is carrying the weight of the world on her shoulders. And it shows in her music. She manages to combine darkness and sunshine in her lyrics and melodies. Lily's debut album "Midnight in the Garden" takes you on a journey through an emotionally painted landscape and heartfelt melodies saying the things most of us would rather not mutter.

I would imagine that the depth of her music opened the door to television. Four of Lily's songs got portrait on the long running TV show "Criminal Minds", where Lily also played a part in the season four finale "To Hell...and Back".

She also played Melanie in the show "Law and Order" in 2011. I think that is why she looked so familiar to me.

Speaking of beautiful ladies.

It is October – month of Breast Cancer Awareness. Heaven's Hair Studio is bringing pink back. Many of us are sporting pink streaks in our hair. The money raised from the pink streaks, the raffle table and any donations are going to local families or individuals who are currently fighting this horrible disease.

Heaven's has once again partnered up with our lovely Lindsay and her Zumba ladies at The Sanctuary. Thank you ladies for caring.

I would like to tell you about another fun idea the guys from Brimstone Brewing Company and Crave Local Fresh came up with. On Oct. 23, we'll be having a food and beer pairing event – Tap and Taste for short.

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Tickets for the Tap and Taste are available now at the Tap Room. For more information about everything brewery related can be found on www.brimstonebrewing.ca.

Nadine Pizzicarola is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

opinion page

Celebrate and give thanks this weekend

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

This coming weekend, many Canadians will gather with friends and family to observe a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest.

Thanksgiving has roots in both religious and cultural traditions, and has long been celebrated in a secular manner as a day of mindfulness for what we have.

There are many resources at the Fort Erie Public Library to help or enhance our celebrations. Heather Patterson and Julie Marks have both written children's books with the title Thanks for Thanksgiving.

Adult books such as The Gift of Thanks: the roots, persistence, and paradoxical meanings of a social ritual by Margaret Visser, encourage us to explore the meaning and importance of an attitude of thankfulness. Magazines such as Martha Stewart Living, Every Day with Rachael Ray, Better Homes and Gardens and Good Housekeeping all have pages of mouth-watering recipes to inspire your holiday menus.

Don't forget that many magazines are not just on paper anymore. Explore Zinio under the digital content tab on the library web site www.fepl.ca for free magazines on your device.

The Thursday evening film tonight at the Centennial branch is Enemy, starring Jake Gyllenhaal in a dual role, with Melanie Laurent and Isabella Rossellini. In this suspense-filled drama, Gyllenhaal's character seeks out his exact lookalike after spotting him in a movie.

In Ontario, this film is rated 14A for coarse language and sexual content. There will be an encore of this movie on Tuesday afternoon, October 14 at the Crystal Ridge branch. Matinees of

X-Men: days of future past will play at 2:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch on Friday, October 10 and on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Centennial branch. The characters from the original X-Men film trilogy join forces with their younger selves from X-Men: First Class, so the amazing cast list includes Jennifer Lawrence, Nicholas Hoult, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Michael Fassbender, Peter Dinklage, Ellen Page, James McAvoy and Patrick Stewart. This movie is rated PG.

On Wednesday, October 15, history buff and delightful speaker Charlie Capern takes one last look at the war that shaped our region and our nation in a program he calls "The War of 1812—finally it's over".

This free, joint presentation of the library and the Bertie Historical Society will be held at the Crystal Ridge branch beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Families are encouraged to mark their calendars now for the first ever How-To Festival, which will be held at the Centennial branch on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit to learn about new skills, sports and hobbies including 3D printing, balloon animals, beer brewing, drumming, fitness, gaming, ice cream in a bag, lacrosse, rope making and much, much more. Besides the fun for all ages, there will be food, too.

Please note that all branches of the library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The website is always open at www.fepl.ca. Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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letters to the editor

Reader hopes for record number of voters in Oct. 27 election

Dear Editor,

More than 30 candidates are running for mayor and six council positions in the Town of Fort Erie.

With any luck after the upcoming election, we will see an end to all of the block voting to further some present councillor's personal agendas or vendettas against past staff members.

The end of block voting will make the present 'shadow' council powerless. The mayor and new council will once again be able to work as a team concentrating on an agenda that will benefit the entire town.

The last four years of constand bickering will be just a distant memory.

Let's make this election a record turnout.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for this.

DJ Hayward-Till

Fort Erie needs a strong mayor

Dear Editor,

Fort Erie is a town that calls us back after moving away.

It was, and can be, with the right leadership, the home town we were proud of and part of. We can do it by working together to rebuild and use our natural assets and location to its full potential. Within our town boundaries there is open land for building, a gateway to the United States, an enviable waterfront, good schools, and easy access to highways leading to major cities.

We need to have strong leadership to put us back into the enviable position we once had, and we have to have a mayor who has the leadership capabilities to do it. A mayor that has the experience to bring us back to a community that will be listened to, and renew our growth and credibility.

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Salvation Army named as official food bank in Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

As a newly minted member of the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the Fort Erie Salvation Army has been given the title of Fort Erie's official food bank.

"It is a privilege that comes with great responsibility," general manager Elliott Innes said.

According to Innes, the new designation allows the Salvation Army to become a resource to "not only those in need in our community, but to other food banks and social service organizations as well."

Being recognized as a member of the OAFB raises awareness for the Salvation Army in the community. Although the Salvation Army has served the community for years, Innes said individuals still don't know the organization exists, or the services that it offers to people in need.

"It also positions us to better equip our clients with education to make the best possible decisions for families."

According to community and family service worker, Anne Watters, joining the OAFB is a major milestone for the Salvation Army.

"Because we are now a member, we can apply to a Rural Kids Grant program."

The funding will help the organization partner with Crystal Beach Public School, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Peace Bridge Public School and St. Georges Catholic Elementary School to provide nutrition programs to students.

Being an OAFB members also gives Salvation Army staff access to computer programs that help the organization track the number of clients it serves, Watters said.

The organization has launched it's first 'One-On-One campaign, with a goal to collect one pound of food for every family in Fort Erie.

"That's about 8,920 pounds of food," Innes said.

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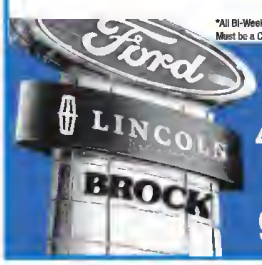

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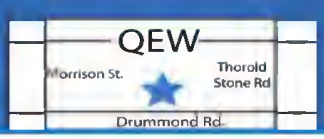

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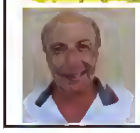

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Sale of Sun Media papers is 'good news'

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

It's almost like a family reunion.

Many of the leaders at Postmedia Network Canada, which on Monday announced it had purchased the English-language operations of Quebecor including the Niagara Falls Review, St. Catharines Standard and Welland Tribune, worked for Sun Media in the past.

"It's good news," said Glenn Garnett, vice-president of editorial for Sun Media. "Going to a company who has senior executives with an understanding of the Sun brand is great."

Quebecor announced the sale of 175 publications including the Sun chain of dailies, its community dailies and weeklies, its Canoe portal in English Canada and its Islington printing plant, to Postmedia Network Canada for $316 million.

The deal is subject to approval by the Competition Bureau. While it's under review, Sun Media Corporation will continue managing the assets and publications being sold.

The deal does not include Sun News Network, which will remain with Quebecor Media.

Garnett said several of Postmedia's leaders, including president and CEO Paul Godfrey, chief operating officer Wayne Parrish and senior vice-president of content Lou Clancy, have a past with the Sun, which means the newspapers will be in trusted hands as they go forward into the future.

But how that content is distributed continues to evolve, Garnett said.

Garnett said newspapers, particularly the dailies in Niagara, continue to do a good job experimenting with video, podcasting and sponsored online content, which "fits in very well" with the direction Postmedia is going.

During a press conference Monday, Godfrey said newspaper ad revenue is on the decline, but newspapers are still a source of strong, reliable content.

He said Sun newspapers will live side-by-side with Postmedia papers in major markets, but no question the future is digital.

Asked about job security, Godfrey said Postmedia has no plans to "close anything," adding other newspapers are not the competition, companies such as Google are.

Garnett said Postmedia is a "very forward-thinking" company, pointing to one of its newspapers, the Ottawa Citizen.

"The Ottawa Citizen bas taken a four-pronged approach to news --print, smart phone, tablet and web."

Pierre Dion, president and CEO of Quebecor and Quebecor Media, said the deal comes at a time when the Canadian newspaper business needs consolidation to remain viable.

"Consumers now have many ways to get their news, and as a result the newspaper business has faced increasing competition from digital media and new technological platforms," he said.

"The transaction will also keep Sun Media Corporation's properties in the hands of a well-established Canadian group. Postmedia possesses extensive expertise and the ability and will to invest in these publications' long-term development. This is good news for the Canadian newspaper business and the people who work in it."

Julie Tremblay, president and CEO of Sun Media Corporation, thanked the employees who have "devoted their talents and energies every day to informing their community.

"Sun Media Corporation's success has been built on their passion and dedication, year after year. Postmedia will be able to count on teams that demonstrate the ability to innovate in a fast-changing industry."

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Tragically Hip set for niagara date

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

One of Canada's best-loved bands will rock the Meridian centre early next year.

The band's St. Catharines appearance on Feb. 17 is part of its Fully and completely tour.

Fully completely is the band's third full-length album, originally released Oct. 6, 1992. Hit singles from the album include Locked in the Trunk of a car, courage, and at the Hundredth Meridian.

The tour commemorates the reissue of the album and includes major venues in the U.S. and Canada, where Fully completely will be played in its entirety.

"Twitter is blowing up this morning, everyone is so excited to have the Hip come to town," Kay Meilleur, Meridian centre's director of marketing, said following the Monday announcement.

"The great thing about seeing them here is the intimate feeling of the Meridian centre — you can't help but feel up close and personal."

Tickets for the North American dates of the tour are set to go on sale Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m.

Tragically Hip was last in Niagara in a major concert at butler's barracks in Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 30, 2012. It was attended by more than 17,000 people and raised about $65,000 for Parks Canada, which partnered with AEC Live to present the event tied in to Canada day.

Go to www.thehip.com for the Fully and completely Tour ticket information.

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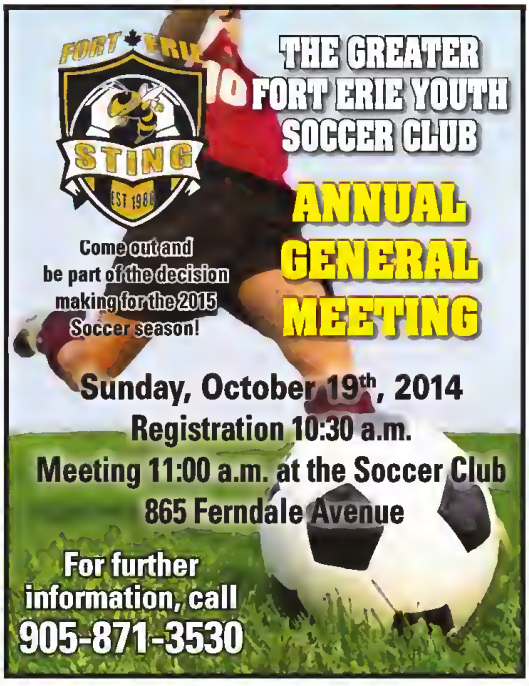
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Region to work with municipalities on inter-municipal transit

Ray Spiteri
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The goal to finally have a workable and full-fledged intermunicipal transit system in Niagara took another step forward Thursday.

A week after Niagara Region's public works committee agreed to remove the words "pilot project" out of any reference to an inter-municipal transit system, regional councillors approved a five-point concept plan that includes engaging area municipalities on building a region-wide model for all Niagara residents.

By giving staff the go-ahead to continue working with the 12 municipalities, chairman Gary Burroughs said Niagara Region is closer than ever to fixing what he acknowledged has been a "disjointed" system with services scattered across the peninsula.

"Transit is more than just small pieces working together. It needs an overall look," he said.

"Everyone is going to be involved in these discussions and talks will continue to really decide what this looks like and if it's going to be run by the private sector or a transportation organization made up of community players."

The Region initiated an intermunicipal transit pilot project in 2011. At the onset, the Region gave $3.7 million in grants to the Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland transit systems for the purchase of eight buses to be used to connect those municipalities, as well as Fort Erie, Thorold and Port Colborne.

The Region has provided additional funding to the transit systems on a yearly basis since the pilot program began.

The program was initially set to end this fall, but was extended until September 2015.

Area municipalities would like the Region to play a role, not necessarily in operating the service, but in facilitating, providing funding, coordinating customer service, ensuring access to social services and providing consistency with planning and economic-development objectives.

The hope is to have a functional transit system that would, for example, allow workers in one area of the region to access a job in another. It could also be a key factor in convincing the province to extend daily GO rail service to Niagara.

Also on the GO file, the Region backed Grimsby's Official Plan to protect a corridor along the railway tracks for future GO expansion.

"We have now confirmed what Grimsby wants in the development of their community," said Burroughs.

"It helps protect green space and it also protects the GO corridor. Grimsby, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls are the ideal stops for GO train."

The Region's decision on inter-m unicipal transit prompted Niagara Falls NDP MPP Wayne Gates to issue a statement challenging the province to approve regular GO train service to Niagara.

"With Niagara Regional council committing to permanent intermunicipal regional transit, it's time for Premier (Kathleen) Wynne to do her part by bringing daily, two-way GO train service to Niagara," he said. "Niagara community leaders are united when it comes to bringing daily GO train service to Niagara."

Gates called on the province to commit to a "clear time line for delivery."

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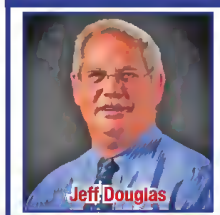

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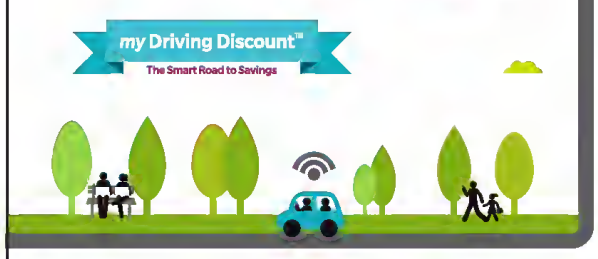

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Lottery to raise funds for Shriner hospitals

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

When people think about the Niagara Shrine Club, the first thing that comes to mind is clowns and small cars.

"But we do more than drive small cars and dress as clowns (during community events)," club president John Perham said.

Since 1922, Shriners hospitals have served children in North America.

According to Perham, these hospitals provide care to children that have orthopedic problems or severe burns.

Every year, the organization hosts the Shriners Lottery to raise funds to support the hospitals.

"Most people don't know about it (the Shriners hospitals)," Perham said. "It's not something that we flaunt."

With costs escalating, more support is needed than ever, and that's why the Shriners Lottery is so important, Perham said.

Tickets are limited and cost $104 each. Call Perham at 905-894-1831 to purchase tickets. The deadline to buy tickets is Dec. 19.

Every Thursday beginning on Jan. 8, a draw will be held at Rameses Shriners, in Toronto. Prizes include one draw for $1,000, one $500 prize, four $250 prizes and five $100 prizes each week.

There is also a chance to win a grand prize of a 2015 Cadillac CTS or $43,000 cash to be drawn Dec. 31, 2015.

Along with 11 chances to win per week, Perham said participants have 573 chances to win a prize.

Participants have multiple chances of winning as each winning ticket is immediately returned to the drum, which is spun again before the next ticket is drawn.

For more information about the Niagara Shrine Club visit online at www.niagarashrineclub.com.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Niagara Shrine Club president John Perham encourages the public to support the organization's Shriners Lottery. Proceeds from the lottery go toward Shriners Hospitals that provide service to children with orthopedic problems or who have severe burns

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENTS TO BRIDGEBURG BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT; CRYSTAL BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT; RIDGEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT; COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT and FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive applications from **residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers** interested in serving on the above-referenced boards and committees of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie to which appointments are required concurrent with the term of Council being December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018.

A call for applications for all of the Town's other boards and committees will be made in November for the term of February 1, 2015 to January 31, 2019.

For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each above-referenced board and committee and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca by clicking on "Town Hall" "C" "Committees" "Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area", "Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area", Ridgeway Business Improvement Area", "Committee of Adjustment" and "Public Library Board."

Term: The term of the Town's three Business Improvement Areas Board of Management shall be concurrent with the term of Council as provided for under the Municipal Act (December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018).

(1) **BRIDGEBURG STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** – Six (6) directors selected by a vote of the membership of the BIA. A maximum of 20% of the Board may be non-members of the BIA, provided they are nominated by a member of the BIA, and one (1) Member of Council.

To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgeburg Station Downtown B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape and downtown revitalization program.

Meetings: Once a month.

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(4) **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT** – Seven (7) citizen appointees.

Term: The term of the Committee of Adjustment shall be concurrent with the term of Council as provided for under the Planning Act (December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018).

To consider applications for minor variances from the Town's Zoning By-law and to consider applications for severance of land. Good representation with a variety of required skill sets including a good understanding of Provincial Planning Policies and of the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday monthly for January, February, March, June, July, August, November, December; and Every 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly for April, May, September, October at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Remuneration: Rate of remuneration is $88.23 for the Chairman per meeting, $70.10 for members per meeting; and a $200.00 travel allowance per year. There is a 3 member meeting rotation.

(5) **FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD** – Eight (8) citizen appointees, one (1) Member of Council and one (1) Alternate Member of Council.

Term: The term of the Fort Erie Public Library Board shall be concurrent with the term of Council as provided for under the Public Libraries Act (December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2018).

To govern the affairs of the libraries including policy development, strategic planning and advocacy for the public library services in the Town of Fort Erie, all in accordance with the *Public Libraries Act.*

Qualifications: Town of Fort Erie resident, Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 5:30 p.m. Fort Erie Public Library Board Room

Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website *www.forterie.on.ca* under Public Notices – Appointment to the three Business Improvement Areas Board of Management, Committee of Adjustment and Fort Erie Public Library Board or available in the Clerk's Office. Please state clearly your name, address, postal code, telephone number, e-mail address, choice of board and committee for consideration of appointment thereto and any other relevant background information, including experience and credentials, **will be received by the undersigned up to and including Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

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Candidate says he will be 'the voice' for Ward 3

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

George Ahern Jr. cares about the Town of Fort Erie and wants to see it grow, which is why he has set his sights on a seat at the council table.

The Fort Erie resident, and Ward 3 candidate for the Oct. 27 municipal election, sees Fort Erie's potential.

"With some experience, we can do a lot more with this town and we can do it by putting some work into this town and work as a team."

Ahern's opponents include former councillor Susan Salzer and Kimberly Zanko.

Ahern has served on the hoard of directors for the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie. He also served on the board of directors for the former Winterfest event which was held in Fort Erie.

The candidate finds opportunities to give hack to the community, which includes offering a dress down program at his workplace. Proceeds from the event are donated to Community Program Outreach Erie, Fort Erie Meals on Wheels and the Fort Erie SPCA.

Ahern says he is a "supporter for growth."

"I am 100% for growth and for working for this town," he says. "What I would like to have in our ward is more infrastructure, lower taxes, and more heautification projects."

Ahern says his goal is to learn more ahout his constituents and to bring those issues to the council tahle.

"Not everyone in Ward 3 experiences the same issues," Ahern says. "I want to find out what ideas everyone has—big or small—and start with the biggest idea and go from there."

Ahern "doesn't like the direction" the town is moving in, and that's why he is hoping to make a difference if he is elected to serve Fort Erie council.

"I don't helieve that we have our priorities straight," he says.

"I think there's too many people that are not for this town."

He says each councillor has his or her own opinion, hut everyone needs to leave their personal agendas at the door of the council chamber.

"There's no 'I' in 'team,' he says.

"When you are a councillor, you work for the crest on the front, not the name on the back. "

Ahern is a supporter of bringing the GO train to Fort Erie, however, without growth, "none of that matters."

"We need to have people in this town working. With growth, you get urgent care. With growth you get lower taxes. If we have growth, we can ask the government for more funding."

The lifelong Fort Erie resident says he "loves jumping in and heing part of the team."

"I jump right in to anything. It won't take long for me to learn something," he says. "I want to be part of the team."

Ahern says it's important to foster a positive relationship with investors to encourage economic development in the community.

"If we keep turning away investors and putting a stronghold of people wanted to come here and grow this town, and that's what's going to happen and turn it into a ghost town."

The 42 year-old candidate wants people to know he is "not here to make promises (he) can't keep or persue personal agendas."

"I have a strong voice, and passion and together as a team we can make a difference," he says.

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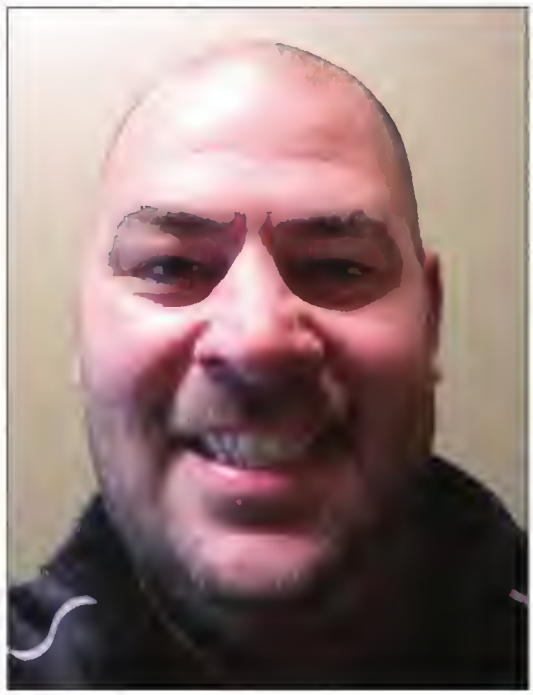

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Candidate 'cares' about town

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Making the decision to run for council was an easy one for Ward 6 candidate Thea Lockwood.

"I'm running because I care (about the Town of Fort Erie)," she said.

Lockwood has worked as a barber for the last six years, and she has "listened to, debated and learned a wealth of knowledge" from the people sitting in her barber chair.

Earlier this year, Lockwood heard an individual say "Fort Erie had gone bankrupt."

"That was an eye opener for me," Lockwood said. "After that, my decision to run was made."

Lockwood's fellow candidates in the Oct. 27 election include incumbent Paul Collard, Chris Knutt, George Jardine and Tamara Pierce.

Lockwood is a lifelong Fort Erie resident who lives with her husband of 31 years in Stevensville.

Lockwood is "an active voice" on the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Association and has had a variety of work experience she feels would benefit the residents of Fort Erie.

"From a rewarding career in the home care industry, to a consultant and specialist in the custom brokerage industry, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and now a business owner in Ridgeway, I am always with the public," Lockwood said.

According to Lockwood, Fort Erie needs to grow and "proper trust and unity need to be restored."

"Progressive thinking, tolerance and respect for each other will be paramount to achieving this goal."

Lockwood adds, "compatible and sustainable growth requires working together."

If elected to represent Ward 6 residents, Lockwood said she will work toward development of Stevensville's business district and bringing a "bike friendly environment," linking Stevensville with the rest of Fort Erie.

She said sun shelters in parks and splash pads alongwith activities "which will stimulate and nourish" children with special needs" are important.

Lockwood would also like to bring new educational opportunities into the community.

"Taking into consideration the variety of businesses having unique animals, I would be interested in seeing a veterinarian school come to our community."

Drawing students to Stevensville makes transportation and housing a priority for Lockwood.

"I recognize the need and I know I can be part of a strong, cohesive council that will consider new visions, influence new ideas and address past issues," Lockwood said.

"Failures are just setbacks that set up our greatest comebacks. Having a positive attitude will yield us positive results," she added.

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Thea Lockwood is running to represent Ward 6 in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

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Traditional run and walk event continues in Crystal Beach this weekend

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Olympian Mike Strange will lead the pack of runners in Crystal Beach this weekend.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Crystal Beach 5km Run and Walk on Saturday, Oct. 11.

"In our first year, we had over 70 people and it (the run) was thrown together pretty quickly," said organizer Phil Smith.

"The run has grown just about every year and it's turned into a signature day at the beach and we're really excited."

Last year, more than 500 runners and walkers signed up to participate in the event.

Smith is expecting that number will grow to include 600 participants.

"We're really looking forward to (Saturday). We have Mike Strange, an Olympian. We're happy he is our honorary starter."

Smith said the route for the run and walk will be different this year.

The event will begin at the Crystal Chandelier, down to Derby Rd., right on Derby Rd., to Queen's circle, onto Shannon Rd. and back on Erie Rd.

According to Smith, the walk and run is for people of all ages.

"We are not catering just to fast runners, we're catering to people whether it's their first race or they just want to walk it, or someone trying to set a personal record. We're just trying to appeal to everyone."

Registration is $30 per person and proceeds from the event will benefit the Ridgeway Crystal Beach BIA.

A children's race begins at 10:30 a.m. and the 5km race will follow at 11 a.m.

Everyone who participates in the event will receive a Crystal Beach 5km medal.

The event will also include the Ice Dogs mascot and Fluffy the Clown.

Smith encourages everyone to attend this year's event.

"It's Thanksgiving and there's no better excuse to use when you have an extra helping of turkey or stuffing or beer to say that you did this race and you have to rehydrate and reload," Smith said.

For more information visit online at www.crystalbeach5k.com

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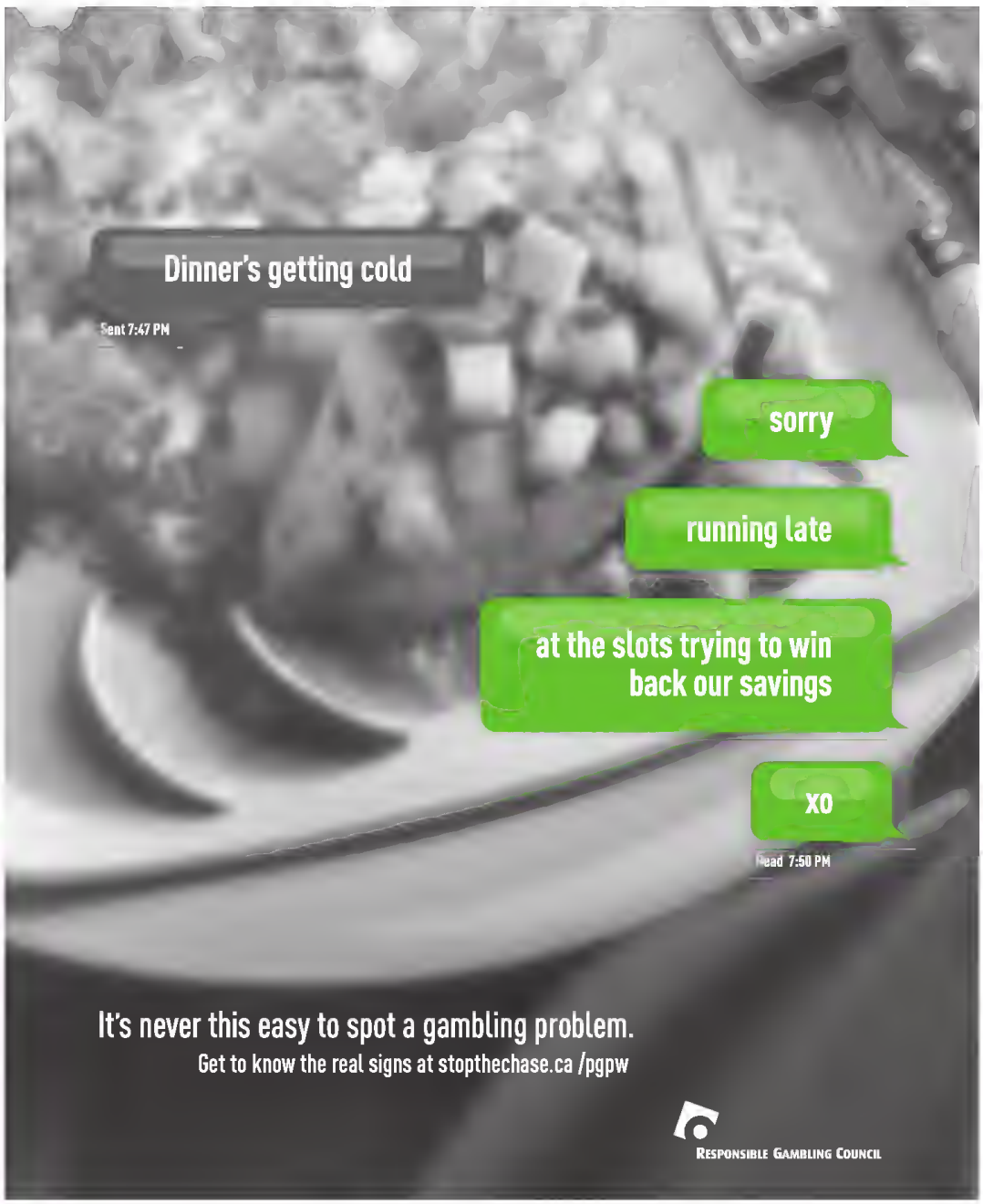

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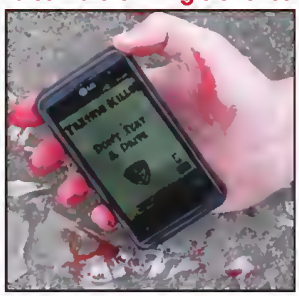
- **84% ot distracted-driving-related fatalities** in the US were tied ta the general classificatian af carelessness ar inattentiveness (Natianal Highway Traffic Safety Administratian, 2009)
- **80% ot collisions and 65% ot near crashes** hove some form of driver inottention os contributing foctors (Notionol Highwoy Troffic Sofety Administration, 2010)
- **Distracted drivers are 3 times more likely** to be in o crash thon ottentive drivers (Alberto Tronsportation, 2011)
- Driver distractian is a factar in abaut 4 millian motor vehicle croshes in Narth Americo eoch yeor
- **Children ore four times more distracting thon odults** as passengers, and infants are eight times mare distracting than odults os passengers
- Economic losses coused by troffic collision-reloted heolth core costs ond lost productivity ore ot leost **$10 billion** onnuolly. That's abaut 1% af Canada's GDP! (Government af Canada)
- In 2010, distrocted driving wos o contributing foctor in 104 collision fotolities in British Columbio (RCMP)
- Internatianal research shaws that 20% ta 30% af all callisians invalve driver distractian (Alberta Transpartatian, 2011)



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Locating/Installing Smoke Alarms:

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- For best performance, an alarm should be mounted on the ceiling in or near the centre of the room, hall or stairway, and at the head of each stairway leading to an occupied area.
- Optimum location for wall mounts is at least 15 cm (6 inches) from the ceiling but not more than 30 cm (19 inches) from it.
- Avoid installing where the temperature is less than 5oC (41oF) or exceeds 48oC (119oF).
- Keep alarms away from doors and windows.
- Never locate an alarm in front of an air egister, fans or vents.
- Keep alarms at least 60 cm (2 feet) from any corner.
- Do not recess smoke alarms in walls or ceilings!
- Smoke alarms in rooms with ceiling slopes greater than 30 cm (one foot) rise per 2.4 m (eight feet) horizontally should he located on the high side of the room.
- Avoid locating an alarm at the peak of an "A" frame type ceiling.
- Never paint a smoke alarm.
- Keep alarms 60 to 90 cm (two to three feet) away from light fixtures.

When having an alarm connected into the electrical wiring system of a house you should:

- Use a qualified electrical contractor.
- Never install the alarm in the electrical circuit except at the main panel. Alarms must also never be installed in a circuit connected to an on/off switch.
- Check the alarm when installation is complete.

Mark your calendar: Testing and cleaning:

Test your smoke alarm monthly and clean it every 6 months. Mark it on your calendar so that you don't forget. Things to remember when testing your smoke alarm:

- Ensure that power is being transmitted to the alarm and that it will activate in the presence of smoke.
- Test your smoke alarm by pressing the test button.
- Even alarms with a pilot light that indicate power is being transmitted, should be tested regularly.
- Battery-operated smoke alarms will warn you when batteries need replacing. Despite this, make it a habit to change the batteries yearly.
- When you've been away from home for a few days, check your alarm on your return to ensure it is working properly.
- Remember, your smoke alarm can't protect you if the batteries have been removed or a plug has been disconnected.
- The lifespan of a typical smoke alarm is about 10 years, but some models last as little as 5 years.
- To clean the alarm, open the cover and gently vacuum the interior of it. Frequently, the alarm will sound while the unit is being cleaned.

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Here are some tips:

Deep Frying

• The safest way to deep fry foods such as chicken or fries is to use a thermostaticallyoontrolled electric skillet or a deep fat fryer.

Pan Frying

• Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet handy in case grease or oil catches fire. The lid or cookie sheet should be slid over the top of the pan to smother the fire.

• Never attempt to move a flaming pot or pan away from the stove. The movement can fan the flames and so spread the fire. The pan will also likely be very hot, causing you to drop it. In either case, you are placing yourself at great risk. Your immediate action should be to smother the fire by slid–ing a lid or flat cookie sheet over the pan. Afterwards, turn off the heat and exhaust the fan, allowing the pan time to cool. Most importantly, react fast, because grease fires spread very quickly.

Oven Cooking

• Keep your oven clean. Grease and food splatters can ignite at high temperatures.

• Ensure that you wear oven mitts when removing cooking oontainers to avoid serious burns.

• Follow the cooking instructions for the recipe and the product you are using.

• Broiling is a popular method of cooking. When you use your broiler, place the rack 5 to 8 cm (two to three inches) from the broiler element. Always place a drip pan beneath the broiler rack to catch the fat drippings. Never use aluminum foil for this purpose because the fat accumulated on the foil could catch fire or spill over.

Microwave Cooking

Microwave ovens are a marvellous time–saving tool, but there are three characteristics of microwave oooking you should be cognisant of:

• The heat is reflected by the metal interior.

• Heat can pass through glass, plastic and other materials.

• Heat is absorbed by the food.

Foods, like those in high-fat or sugar, can heat very rapidly but feel cool to the touch. Pastry fillings can be very hot, but the crust cooler. Milk in baby bottles could be boiling, but the bottle itself not very hot to the touch. Use caution at all times. Do not use tin foil or any other metal objects in the micro-wave. If a fire occurs, keep the door closed and unplug the unit. Call a qualified technician to ensure the microwave is in proper working order before using it again.

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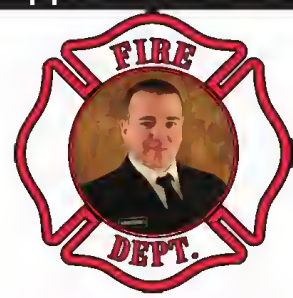

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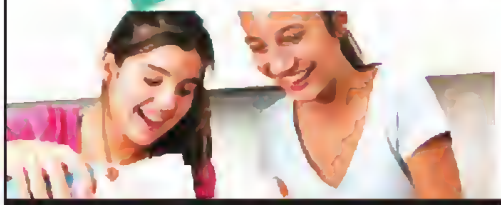

Do you like helping out in the kitchen and cooking up tasty snacks for your friends and family? Preparing yummy treats can be lots of fun, but it's important that kids who like to cook know how to be safe in the kitchen. These tips can help you figure out what you're old enough to do on your own—and when it's time to ask an adult for help.

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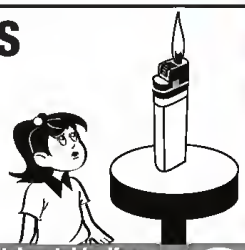

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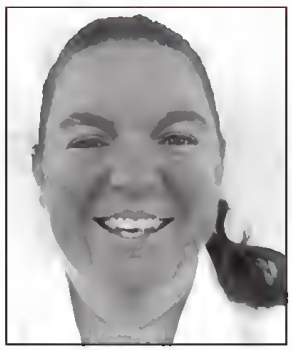

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Mobile unit serves a growing need in the community

Salvation Army in Fort Erie feeds an average of 80 to 90 people each Monday

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Emily Bowman's job is a difficult one to do.

Some days, she returns home after her work is complete and knows she made a difference in someone else's day, even if it meant sharing a few minutes of conversation and giving someone a sandwich and a cup of coffee.

Other days, Bowman says she is mentally drained.

Bowman, who lives in St. Catharines, is a mobile outreach worker for the Salvation Army.

On Monday nights, Bowman can be spotted in Greater Fort Erie driving the Salvation Army's mobile unit, and delivering meals to people in need.

Question: What does a typical day look like for you?

Answer: My day starts at 10 a.m. and it goes until 10 p.m. I pick up the mobile truck in St. Catharines, which is convenient because I live there. I pick up all the supplies that I need. Then I drive to Fort Erie and I prepare everything I need and then I go out into the community.

Q: How many people does the Mobile Outreach Unit serve in Fort Erie?

A: In Fort Erie, we serve anywhere from 80 to 90 people and even up to 140 people. We have more men than women, many of them who are single and living on the street."

Q: How many of those people you serve are children?

A: On average in Fort Erie, we serve 20 to 50 children depending on the week. A lot of them come from Crystal Beach and some come without an adult. I hope that after I feed them, are going back home where they are safe.

Q: Do you think the community is aware the Mobile Outreach Unit is there?

A: I don't think people know we are there. We do work with the Kinsmen and Kinettes. These groups do try to get the word out about us. Mostly, people know about us through word of mouth.

Q: What is the most difficult or frustrating aspect of your job as a mobile outreach worker?

A: There are times when you see repeat clients and you're hitting a wall in terms of the conversation you share with them. They are stuck in a situation and you can't always help them the way you would like to. It's mentally exhausting. It also takes a while to build that trust with clients and you hope to continue it for years to come, so if they need help, they aren't afraid to ask and you can direct them toward services that are out there.

Q: What do you think is the biggest misconception about people living in poverty?

A: "That they must have done something wrong, or living in poverty is a result of their poor choices or they are lazy. There are many families living in generational poverty but many of our clients are living in situational poverty because of a death, they were laid off, or a stay-at-home mom suddenly finds herself in the role of bread winner after her husband has died."

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Clients 'have great attitudes' despite their situations

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Q: What do you wish you could tell the community about the users of the Mobile Outreach Unit?

A: "That the people who use our services are people who have come to trust us. They are lovely people, and many of them have great attitudes despite their situations and they can't work for whatever reason."

Q: What is the goal of the Mobile Outreach Unit?

A: "The goal of the truck is to provide a link to services that clients may not already be accessing. My goal is to build trust with clients and to advocate for these people and help them connect to the community."

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Too many Meteors going through the motions

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Poor mistakes and missed scoring opportunities saw the Fort Erie Meteors finish Saturday night in the loss column.

Fort Erie's Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League team dropped a 4-2 decision to the Welland Junior Canadians in Golden Horseshoe Conference action.

Mitch Reid and Thomas Fleck each picked up two goals for the Junior Canadians, staking their team to a 4-0 lead heading into the third period.

Fort Erie's Declan Conway picked up his team's first goal of the night 17:33 in the third period for the Meteors. Teammate Richard DeMarco scored the second Fort Erie goal about one minute later.

"The last four or five minutes of the games, the guys were tenacious on the puck," Fort Erie coach Rob Hubbert said. "We weren't like that all night. Our back end was horrible, absolutely horrible. Our power play was horrible."

Hubbert said the Meteors "had 10 guys who went through the motions (Saturday) night.

"We had about seven guys at the end of the night that battled their butts off."

The Meteors had a burst of strength during the last five minutes of the third period, but it wasn't enough to make up the points they needed to win the game.

"We missed open nets, we hit goal posts and we hit cross bars," said Hubbert said. "We didn't capitalize, and if you don't score, you don't win."

Hubbert feels his team learned a lesson from Saturday night's loss.

"We learned you have to play 60 minutes of hockey," he said. "They have to learn and they have to start learning real quick because before they know it, it will be January."

Goalie Liam Conway saved 25 of 29 attempts on the Meteors net while Canadians goalie Chris Janzen made 33 saves out of 35 shots.

The penalty box was a popular destination for the Welland Junior Canadians with 37 minutes of penalty time on 16 infractions. The Canadians spent significantly more time in the penalty box when compared to the Meteors, who served 17 minutes on nine infractions.

The Meteors return to the ice Friday when they play the Pelham Pirates at Pelham Arena at 7:30 p.m.

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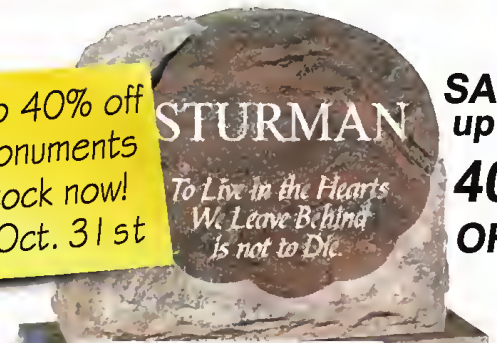

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Senior Falcons on a two-game winning streak

Mary Jo Stolk
Special to The Times

The Senior Girls Basketball team hosted the Port Colborne Bears on Monday afternoon for the second in the series.

Having lost to the Bears earlier in the season, the Falcons developed new offensive strategies to create more scoring opportunities.

Fort Erie won the tip off but were not the first to score and trailed the entire first quarter.

The gap was narrowed at the half time buzzer as Fort Erie was down 15-14.

The Falcons came out tough in the third with more intensity and drives to the hoop. The team's hard work paid off, earning the Falcons a 24-21 lead.

The fourth quarter was a nail-biter as Port Colborne tied it up and both teams went bucket for bucket.

The game ended in a 27-27 tie to be settled by a four minute overtime period.

Sidney Merson and Beth Fretz each scored two and Katie Adair drained a foul shot in the overtime period for a 32-29 win.

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The Senior Girls' Basketball team cruised down the parkway to play against the NCC Navigators on last Thursday.

The Falcons came out strong, with Beth Fretz winning the tip off and passing to Katie Adair, who drove to the basket for the opening bucket.

The Falcons moved the ball around the perimeter and took every opportunity to score leading the first quarter 10-2.

A strong defence and solid press prevented the Navigators from catching the Falcons who maintained an 18-7 lead at the half.

The Navigators came out aggressive in the second half and narrowed the lead but the Falcons still came out on top with a 30-23 win.

Katie Winger played a great game overall and led the scoring with 11 points. Beth Fretz and Katie Adair each contributed six points, Shannon Troupe put up three and Sidney Merson and Katrina Waters each added two points.

MARY JO STOLK Special to The Times
The Fort Erie Secondary School Falcons defeated the NCC Navigators 30 to 23 in senior girls basketball action last Thursday.

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October 6, 2014

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From the gardener's journal: Autumn is best of season in Canadian Shield

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

As you read this I am in the bush in the Canadian Shield enjoying what I think is the best season in the northern part of the province.

Surrounded by Trembling Ash, Black Cherry, Maple and Ironwood and Conifer trees that form a canopy of gold and red and deep green in the sunshine, it is hard to believe there is another world somewhere of traffic and time and goals.

As we hike in the afternoon sunshine and marvel at how much the trees have grown on our land it can be hard to recall just how much work we put in getting the road through before we even built the cottage.

In those days we had to hand saw the trees and try and shift the rocks as well.

A lot has changed in the area over the years but the bush seems timeless. However, just like children, the trees can seem to grow overnight. Long ago we had a poster on our wall that read 'Trees are monuments to peace.'

Surrounded as we are by so many beautiful trees, it is easy to think of peace and have peaceful thoughts.

Autumn is the season to reflect, I think. A time to harvest and to enjoy the efforts of the spring and summer.

In this very short growing season in the north, the harvest is gathered quickly for the weather can change dramatically in a short time. But not today—today it is just the perfect mellow of the autumn in all its splendor.

I marvel at how capable our bush is to feed itself and grow and thrive in rocky and poor conditions.

Many of our trees grow from rocks and very barren soil with little nutrient. But they continue to grow and support each other and a host of ground growth.

There is likely a life lesson in that thought, but today in the golden sunshine and warmth, all lessons seem suspended.

I have been reflecting on the good memories of the summer, the time spent with family and friends, the evenings of caring and weeding my space in the hazy sunshine, the campfires that burned true, the laughter and sharing of jokes and stories, the pleasure of working with like minded friends, and those wonderful moments of just gazing out over the beautiful waters surrounding our community. I enjoyed the challenge of creating and sustaining a space for butterflies(my 'winged flowers') and encouraging hummingbirds in their journey. My favorite memory was my little grand daughter saying 'mama' in the early morning and her desire to be in the outdoors with me. These are priceless moments in our lives. What a gift good memories are to us.

Thank you for sharing many of your memories with me during our times together. Just like our trees, these memories support and sustain us and thinking of sustaining.

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To everything there is a season. But know what zone you're in.

Dream big. But try not to let ambition turn your joy into drudgery.

Grow what you love. The love will keep it growing.

You reap what you sow. But there will be surprises!

by Emilie Barnes from "Time Began in a Garden"

It will be nice to see you again when we return from our time 'off the grid.'

We'll catch up and still have time to enjoy the autumn sunshine and change of seasons. Hope your week and all it involves has been fine. Until next week.

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Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Society.

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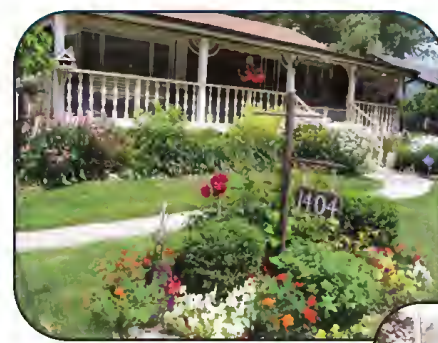

This late summer perennial garden (above) beautifully complements the decorative railing & ginger-bread trim on this farm-house style home without overpowering any of the architectural elements.

This striking container garden (left) does double duty—not only is it a remarkable front entry focal point but is also an herb garden.

The use of different colours & textures in the plantings highlights both the stone and architecture of the house; while the home's materials and architectural elements create a subtle backdrop to showcase the trees, shrubs & flowers.

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A brick for the lowlife that stole the statue out of my front garden. Whomever it was must have been strong as it was very heavy. If they wanted a statue, they should have gone to the garden centre and purchased one legally.

Brick for barking dogs and their owners

A brick for people who let their dogs bark and disturb the neighbours. Why do people think they can allow their dogs to bark in the early morning and awaken people? Why do they also think it's okay to let them bark every time they're out? The person who is complaining is not the guilty party as they may think. They have not learned to train their dogs properly and should be more considerate of others. Our neighbourhood used to be peaceful and quiet—it is no longer that.

A bouquet for an act of kindness

A bouquet for the lady who was in the local sub shop and paid for my sub and left before I knew it. I'm not sure what I did to deserve this kind act, but I would like to thank you many times over. You certainly didn't have to do that.

Brick for false advertising

A brick for a local restaurant that advertised an inexpensive fish fry. When I got there and ordered my fish fry, the restaurant staff were forceful and said I must order a pop, coffee or alcoholic beverage. It is unfair to go into a restaurant where staff are twisting your arm to buy a coffee or an alcoholic drink. Some people may take certain medications which don't allow them to drink coffee, or they can't have alcohol. This is absolutely terrible.

Bouquet for volunteer firefighters

A bouquet for our local firefighters who recently assisted my niece twice in one week. We got them out of bed at 3 a.m. and they missed out on their sleep but they couldn't have been any nicer to us.

Brick for liars

A brick for everyone who feels the need to lie instead of telling the truth. I am so tired of meeting people who think it is okay to be completely dishonest. Shame on all of you. I don't know why you think it's okay to lie, but when you get caught, you will burn all of your bridges.

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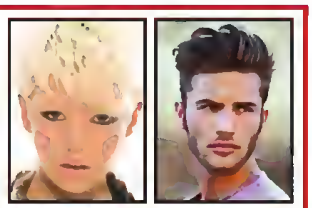

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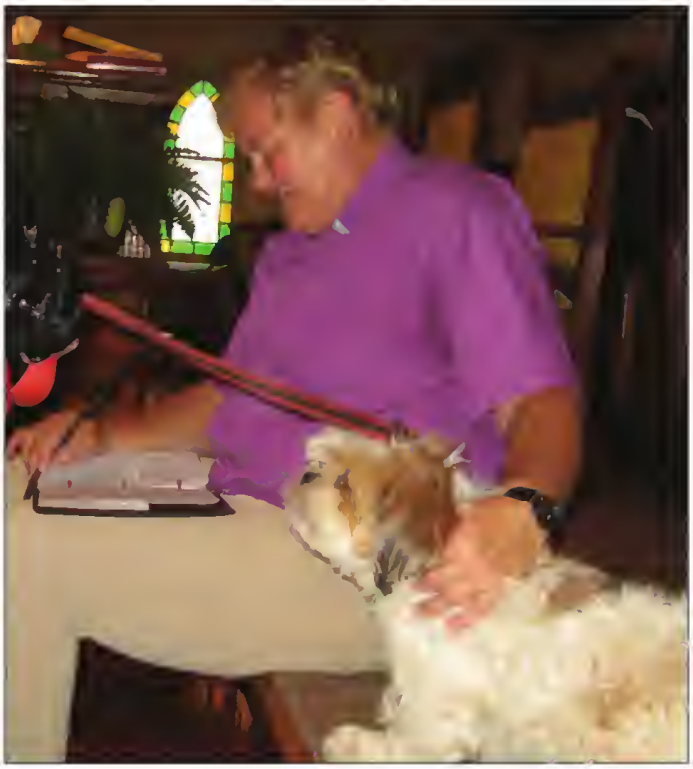

PEOPLES MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH Special to The Times

The congregation of People's Memorial United Church participated in their first Blessing of the Animals Service. Two cats, eleven dogs, and a leopard spotted gecko were blessed and the Reverend Martha Lockwood was not bit. In the photo, Scooby Doo, of Ridgeway, received his blessing from Lockwood.

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Plato: Bobcats are 'the smallest member of the Lynx family'

Earl Plato
Special to The Times

I have been asked recently about animal tracks in Fort Erie.

Here's a look back.

What were the tracks in the soft mud on a path in the town's park at in Ridgeway?

Local residents talked of sighting a large animal perhaps a lynx or even a panther.

Some years ago, the late naturalist and a founder of the Shagbark Park, Bob Chambers, and I investigated.

Bob, with countless years in Boy Scout activities, knew his animal tracks. He examined the prints. Bob measured them and took some photos.

Earl Plato

"See the cat-like prints. Bigger than any of our domestic cats. Looks like a bob cat paw prints," said Bob.

Later Bob confirmed that he believed that a bobcat was in Shagbark. Rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks and yes house cats be aware.

Bob's measurements of all four prints were about the same size about 50mm or two inches. Jerry Rising, nature writer of the Buffalo News, says that the biggest bobcat's prints can measure up to three inches. That's one big bobcat.

I have seen bobcats up-close in various small zoos in North Bay and that vicinity. They never appear to be friendly.

How big an animal? Picture the largest tabby cat you have seen and increase it by one third and you should have the size of our bobcat. The first thing you might notice is its short stubby tail—two or three inches.

The tufted ears have black tips. Its body is covered with black spots. It is an attractive looking cat.

Remember that it is the smallest member of the lynx family. The male is larger than the female. The Audubon Mammal guide says that the male may be as long as 49 inches. That's over four feet.

I have never seen a bobcat in the wild. They are stealthy hunters lying in wait for prey or creeping up on them before making a quick dash and pounce. Great hunters!

Their two worst enemies are coyotes and man.

How many bobcats have you seen in the wild in Ontario?

Call me at 905 894-2417 or e-mail at plato1@cogeco.ca I would be glad to hear from you.

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No monarchs yet visiting our beautiful butterfly bush, However, we had a splendid Tiger swallowtail stay some time.

The milkweeds along the trail are long gone.

What a thrill in past years to see a monarch emerge from its chrysalis.

"Sharon in Canada" has a love for our Monarchs. She has seen countless of them as they emerge from their chryalises. How do you appreciate our Lepidoptera?

To each his own. I love to see butterflies, photograph them and even draw some.

Others such as former Fort Erie naturalist, Ernie Giles collects them.

Ernie wood catch and release butterflies that didn't measure up to being a perfect specimen.

I made a good movie of Ernie and a great butterfly day at Marcy Woods.

Using his great net he caught and released Great swallowtails, Tiger swallowtail's, Azure Blues, Meadow fritillaries and then my favourite, the Spicebush Swallowtail. This one he kepi. Ernie had a kit with carbon tetrachloride. He used in on his perfect specimen. It would be added to his extensive collection.

I have caught butterflies examined them and released them.

That's was my way of enjoying these insects. With my new camera with its great zoom further enjoyment.

Start a new hobby of identifying our local butterflies.

Earl Plato is an author and a resident of Fort Erie.

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Along with a well-balanced diet and daily physical activity, your heart needs a check-up every once in a while. Your doctor can check your weight, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and blood sugar during an appointment to see that your heart is in good working order and may make recommendations to you based on the results.

Drinking too much alcohol, smoking and high levels of stress can also have negative effects on the heart. If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to no more than two drinks a day for women or three drinks a day for men. If you are a smoker, the sooner you become smoke-free, the sooner your body will recover. Talk to your pharmacist about ways to kick the habit. Everyone experiences the feeling of being stressed at some point or another, but the key is how you handle it. It may be as simple as taking a few deep breaths for some people, while others may do daily meditation or practice yoga to remain stress-free. Taking time for yourself each day to do something you enjoy is another way of keeping your stress level to a minimum. Find a new hobby, activity or project that you might enjoy doing either on your own or with friends.

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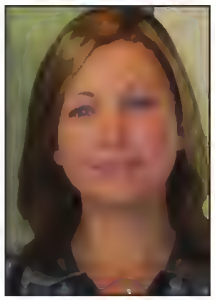
Cutting taxes doesn't always bring economic growth

Framing everyone as taxpayers is problematic, health promoter says

Rhonda Barron
Special to The Times



Rhonda Barron

I am a citizen, and a taxpayer.

I pay taxes to be sure, but I am a citizen first.

I think framing everyone as a taxpayers is problematic. And, it's no accident.

The emergence of the "taxpayers" as the higher order of individual – elevated above the citizen – is a clever and well-thought out Neo-liberal strategy.

Neo-liberalism has managed to convince many of us that taxes are an ailment, and tax cuts a remedy.

We are told that tax cuts will generate economic growth, but there is no substantiated correlation.

So how did we get here?

It appears people don't vote based on facts; we vote based on values.

During an election, we are bombarded by political rhetoric that resonates with the world view of certain individuals. Neo-Liberalism spreads a belief that only self-discipline and hard work can lead to success; that our very well-being hinges upon stopping the gravy train, cutting government over-spending and letting the invisible hand of the market propel us to a more prosperous future.

Sound familiar?

So much for what tax cuts won't do – here is what they do.

Tax cuts have eroded democracy and made us a less kind and more unequal society. Our transition from citizens to taxpayers has reinforced and deepened the divide between people of different economic means. We all have become more mistrusting of one another.

The top earners feel deserving and above tax laws. People living in poverty often think the system is rigged against them and disengage from politics. The relentlessly squeezed middle is living from pay check to pay check.

This fatalistic, downward spiral without hope and imagination is a cycle that can be broken.

Think for a moment about what could happen if we consolidated the voting power of the middle and low-income earners and took a stand against top earners to ensure they are accountable for their share of taxes.

Make them behave like corporate citizens, not corporate taxpayers.

For example, why should a famous Canadian T-shirt Company, and one of the largest clothing manufacturers in the world, who earned $144 million in 2011, not pay a dime in taxes thanks to tax loopholes that allow companies to deduct profits they make offshore from their Canadian corporate taxes?

Why should that approximately $41 million be uncaptured revenue for Canadians?

Meanwhile, everyone else pays a disproportionate share of taxes compared to our wealthier counterparts.

Minimum wage and social assistance rates remain woefully inadequate and Canada's social programs and environment are further eroded because we apparently can't afford to invest in our people, or our future.

Canada has untold financial resources just waiting to be harnessed.

A resource that if collected through tax reforms could be enough to lift everyone out of poverty, protect from further erosion of the middle class and allow us to make investments in our environment.

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Rhonda Barron is a health promoter for Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie.

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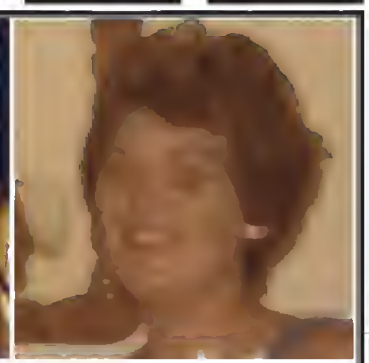

Sam
Oct. 4, 2005

Mom (Betty)
Oct. 13, 2013

Shared laughter in the funniest times,
Tears of sorrow and holding hands during the bad.
Tricks we played, fights we had,
All memories we made
Grateful for the time we had,
Knowing each tomorrow you won't be there, is why I'm sad.

Miss you both,
Kate

In Memoriams

HANES, Louise W.

who passed ewey October 5, 1990.

The sands of time slip through the glass.
Oh! How swiftly twenty-four years have passed.
Some greet-grendchildren ere edults grown.
We miss you still, though your loss we don't bemoan.

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Obituaries

SMITH, Trevor Wilfred (Smitty) - passed away at the age of 86, on Friday, October 3, 2014 in the excellent cere of Gilmore Lodge. Much loved husband of Noreen (Heckman). Caring father of his children, Suzanne Smith & her husbend Harley Herkness of Uxbridge, Lori Crossley (Steve) of Kingston and Jim (Judy) Smith of Lantzville, B. C. Survived by his grandchildren Graham Crossley, Alex & Cassie Smith. Trevor elso leeves 2 children from e previous merriage Wayne & Cathy. Survived by stepchildren Gary Biller(Michelle) & Kathy Biller & their families. Predeceased by his parents Percy & Violet Smith, his brother Alan (Florence) end his grandson, Jordie Crossley. He was also predeceased by the mother of his children, Marion (Cox) Smith. Trevor was born in Wales. He was a proud welder his whole life, working at Horton Steel, Fleet Mfg in Fort Erie, various companies in Buffalo, N Y and lastly at General Motors in St Catharines. He served in the U. S. Army in Koree. He wes e member of the Fort Erie Legion, where he served as House Chairman for many years. Trevor enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels for many years and was a visiting Santa at Christmes. Life hed not been kind to Trevor for several years and now his struggle is over. At Trevor's request, cremation has taken place, entrusted to Niagara Funeral Alternatives Inc. If so desired donations may be made to Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 Poppy Fund or the charity of choice. A celebretion of Trevor's life will be held Monday, October 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Fort Erie Legion, 130 Garrison Rd.

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MCLENNAN, John - Passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie October 6th, 2014 at the age of 67. John was a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family above all else. John is lovingly remembered by his two children, Jason and his wife Amanda of Muskoka and their three children, Jackson, Campbell and Matilda; Jennifer and her husband Joseph White, and their daughter Olivia; his brothers Richard (Pat) and Brian (Wendy) and their families. He is pre-deceased by his brother Keith. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate John's life will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday October 4th at 12 pm. If so desired, donations to the cherity of your choice would be eppreciated by the family.

SPEAR, Elma Louise - Born on August 16th, 1915 in Fort Erie Elma passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge on October 4th, 2014 at the age of 99. Her loving husband Alfred predeceased her August 29th, 2014 they had been married 74 years. Cherished mother of Weyne (Judi) Speer and Kenneth (Elizabeth) Spear. Cherished grandmother of Wayne, Kristin, Michael, Craig and Kendra. Great grandmother of Tristan, Justin, Jude, Kathryn, Alexander and Evan. Also survived by her sister Mildred Eversden and brother Ronald Cudney. Predeceased by brothers Frenk, Orville and Welsey. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A celebration of Elma's life will be held at the Benner Funeral Chapel on Thursday October 9th at 4 pm. A time of refreshments will follow. In memory of Elma, donations to St. Andrew's – Knox Presbyterian Church or cherity of your choice would be eppreciated by the family

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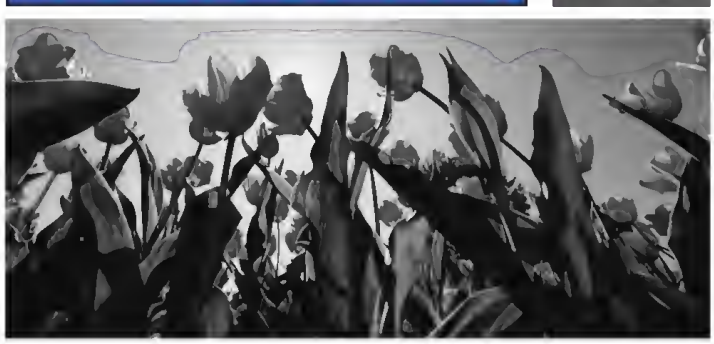

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ROBERT RUCH 1923-2014, **OBITUARY**

'Mr. Bob', true gentleman, devoted to family, friends

RUCH — ROBERT HENRY passed away at Bella Senior Care Residence, Niagara Falls, Ontario on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the age of 91.

A lifelong Fort Erie resident, he was born on Jan. 12, 1923, before the Douglas Memorial Hospital was built, in a house at the corner of Archange and John Streets. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father and mentor.

He loved working at Fleet Manufacturing from 1941 to Feb. 8, 1988. He looked forward to going to work every day as he enjoyed the camaraderie of the men and women. He was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ridgeway, and the Rods 'n Relics car club.

"Mr. Bob" is survived by his devoted son Gerald Frederic, his daughter-in-law Phyllis Barnatt, and his dedicated, loving companion Fran Dixon.

He was predeceased by his wife Mary [Morry, nee Hucul] in 1991, his mother Clara, his father Henry, and his brother Harold.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements for a private family service are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home, Ridgeway.

Deepest thanks for their help and caring is given to Doctors Csanadi, Lagatario and Pang, Bella's nurses, PSWs and staff as well as the Welland Hospital Dialysis Unit nurses and staff.

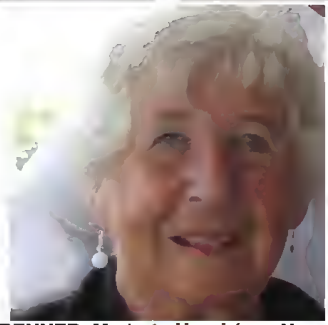
Special thanks go to Gail Thompson and Marion Foley for their love and support, and to his friends and visitors who brightened his days. A neighbourly thank you to Roly Davis, who predeceased Bob, for keeping an eye out, and always giving a helping hand.

"Robert was a true gentleman, unfailingly kind, patient and generous," Thompson said. "His was a life well lived."

If desired, donations can be made to the Parkinson Society of Canada, the Kidney Association of Canada or St. Luke's Building Fund.

In every tear are the colours of the rainbow, keep your eye on the rainbow.

Robert Ruch was a lifelong resident of Fort Erie and loved his job at Fleet Manufacturing, where he worked for 47 years.



BENNER, Marjorie Hazel (nee Nunn) - It is with deep sadness that the children of Marjoria (Marga) Bennar announce har passing on October 4th, 2014 at the age of 83. She is back in the loving arms of her dearly missed husband, Donald "Sam" who predeceased her in 1977. Predeceased by har parents, Jack and Hazal Nunn and har brother Wellington "Duke". She leaves bahind har son Scott (Branda) Bannar, daughters Yvonne Lauder and Julie Benner. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Ryan, Samantha (Chad), Paige, Nicole Alex and great grandchildren Railly and Lao. Mom's inward and outward beauty with a great sense of class touched avaryona that knaw har. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday October 9th from 11 am until the time of sarvice in tha Chapal at noon. A recaption will follow. If so desired, donations to the Palliativa Care Unit at tha Douglas Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family. The Family wish to thank Dr. Kim Scher and the staff of Maple Park Lodge and Douglas Memorial Hospital for thair personal, professional and dignified care. The love of her family as a caring davotad mothar, grandmothar and graat grandmother will leave a huge void in our lives, but our haarts ara comforted by knowing Mom is now with Dad, finally, forever and ever.

CHAPMAN, Patricia Rose (nee Hutchings) - Patricia passed away at the Greatar Niagara Ganeral Hospital on Saturday October 4th, 2014 in her 100th year. Predeceased by her husband Henry in 1983. She is lovingly remembered by her son Ed (Dianne) and daughter Gail Waavar. Charishad grandmothar of Bath (Ken) Burns, Julie (John) Sherwood, Kent (Kim) Chapman, Brian (Patti) Waavar and Sandra (Jerry) Elia. Great grandmother of Kylee Burns, Kristen Burns, Allyson Sherwood, Jamie Sherwood, Owen Chapman, Kara Chapman, Melissa Waavar, Brianna Waavar, Victoria Elia and Matthew Elia. Predeceased by her siblings. Patricia callad Mapla Park Lodga in Fort Erie home for almost 9 years and was cared for by a group of professional and wonderful people. The family would also like to thank the staff of Greater Niagara Ganaral Hospital for tha dignity and compassion shown in her final days. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, Fort Eria entrusted with arrangements. In keeping with Patricia's wishes, cremation has taken place and she will be buried with Henry in Parry Sound at a later date. If desired, contributions in Patricia's memory to the Greater Niagara General Hospital, a charity sha supportad for many yaars would ba appreciated.

A Loving Tribute

ANDERSON, William Eric – William (Bill) passed away Peacefully at Greater Niagara General Hospital on Friday September 26th, 2014 at tha aga of 77. Loving Stap-Father to Nancy Simpson Beloved grandpa & great grandpa to Shannon, Matthew, Ryan, Sare, and Paulina. Also survivad by his extended family and friends. William pridad himsalf with his yaars of driving bus for Grey Hound and TTC. In William's Retired years he Volunteered with Fort Erie Friandship Fastival and with Salvation Army's out of the cold Program and enjoyed his early morning walks. At his request cremation has taken place entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES. A calabration of William's lifa will ba hald at Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Road. Fort Erie, on Saturday Octobar 11th at 11 o'clock.

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